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1. There are differences of opinion between the SED Politburo and FDGB leaders on the question of steps to be taken by the GDR Government after ratification of the Paris agreements by the Bonn Parliament. While the Ulbricht wing of the party was pleading for a radical course, Warnke, 1st chairman of the FDGB, wanted to take a waiting attitude until the SPD, the DGB, West German organized labor, and youth had shown their reactions to ratification. In line with the attitude displayed by the Soviets, the FDGB functionaries said that the time had not yet come for decisive actions in defense of the social system of the GDR. This attitude was also justified by the necessity of coordinating all measures against the rearming of West Germany with those taken by the World Federation of Trade Unions. 25X1
2. Warnke and Ulbricht were also believed to hold different opinions on the question of nomination of a new chief of state. In the SED Politburo, the plan had been voiced to make ex-Field-Marshal Paulus chief of state in connection with the fight against the rearming of West Germany. Warnke, on the other hand, opposed this plan. This open resistance of the FDGB against the Ulbricht wing of the SED has had an alarming effect.
3. Pushkin is said to have stated recently that the Soviet Foreign Ministry did not consider the ratification process of the Paris agreements as completed in West Germany. He apparently holds the view that the implementation of these agreements is by no means guaranteed in West Germany.

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